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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

4.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolution 1199 (1998)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Sixteenth session

WORKING GROUPS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Chad

   Jordan

   Lesotho

   Congo

   The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Uganda

   Sierra Leone

   Gabon

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.1) [20 (b)].

3 p.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Central African Republic

Maldives

Ethiopia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Guatemala

Grenada

Malawi

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.9, CRP.10, CRP.11 and CRP.12

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)
2. United Nations Mission in Angola (MONUA)
3. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 1 October 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on a draft resolution under item 20 (b) and the organization of work of the Second Committee)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on organizational matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

Ministerial meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of Member States of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on disarmament matters *today*, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E.

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The twentieth annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action, on the theme "In Defense of Human Dignity: Striking the Balance of Peace and Justice", will take place *today*, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Briefings

On the occasion of the fortieth ratification of the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) will hold a press conference and a briefing on its work in the implementation of the Ottawa Treaty, *today*, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Eminents speakers will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Accredited non-governmental organizations may enter by the 3rd floor entrance.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Dr. Jadranko Prlic, the Deputy Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Dragan Bozanic, and the Assistant Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Sidik Spahic, will give a briefing for all interested delegations and press accredited to the United Nations *today*, 1 October 1998, at 12.30 p.m. at the UNCA Club (located on the 3rd floor of the Secretariat building).

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 2 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador.

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Comoros

   Albania

   Trinidad and Tobago

   Mali

   Equatorial Guinea

   Madagascar

   Eritrea

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

   Guinea-Bissau

   Rwanda

   Haiti

   Angola

   Georgia

   Uzbekistan

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2) [20 (b)].

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: preparations for the high-level review in the year 2000 of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: preparations for the high-level review in the year 2000 of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and on the organization of work of the Third Committee)* on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing by the United Nations Development Group Office (UNDG) on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF))* on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Arab Group of the Sixth Committee will meet on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will hold an informal briefing for delegations on issues to be considered at the Second Committee of the General Assembly on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The informal briefing will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation will include the presentation by the President of the World Bank at the annual meetings of the Bank (by video) and a brief discussion of the 1998 annual report of the Bank. Copies of the report will be available. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

20th plenary meeting

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/389) [16 (b)]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, extended the term of office of Mrs. Sadako Ogata as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years, beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Rwanda (on behalf of the African States) and the Republic of Moldova (on behalf of the Eastern European States).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 16.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Shailaja Acharya, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Water Resources of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Chairman of the Delegation of Samoa; H.E. Dr. Nizar Madani, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Cheikh El Avia Ould Mohamed Khouna, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; H.E. Mr. Kolawolé Idji, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin; H.E. Dr. János Martonyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Albert Pintat Santolària, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Carlston B. Boucher, Chairman of the Delegation of Barbados; and H.E. The Hon. Bonaya Adhi Godana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3934th meeting

The situation concerning Rwanda

International tribunal for the prosecution of persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of Rwanda and Rwandan citizens responsible for such violations committed in the territory of neighbouring States

Establishment of the list of candidates for Judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/903, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/903) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/903) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1200 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

21st plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Hon. Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Seymour Mullings, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Jigmi Yoser Thinley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Augustin Kontchou Kouomegni, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Javier Murillo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan; and H.E. The Hon. George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Santa Lucia.

22th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 22th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/189).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

491st and 492nd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Cooperation with the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies [6]

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

The Committee considered these items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Acceptance: Japan (30 September 1998)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Ratification: Ireland (30 September 1998)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997

Signature: Norway (30 September 1998)

Ratification: Norway (30 September 1998)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Turkmenistan (29 September 1998)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Year of Older Persons

The International Year of Older Persons will be launched by the Secretary-General *today*, 1 October 1998, at 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 1 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members.

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World Habitat Day, 1998

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1998, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme: "Safer Cities" on Monday, 5 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Deputy Secretary-General will be among the participants. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and programmes, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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